also envisaged in the 8th Plan, subject to the availability of resources.

Removal of Electric Poles in Delhi

2954. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI KALKA DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the photograph appearing in the Indian Express dated July 3, 1991 regarding traffic hazard on account of electric poles in the middle of the road in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of places so identified in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for not removing the poles long after widening of the roads and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Normally, DESU undertakes removal/shifting of the electric poles during the road-widening process etc. as a deposit work to be sponsored and financed by the concerned road owning agencies viz. the Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Administration etc. However, the 4 electric poles in the middle of the road as published in the said news item have already been removed on the request of the MCD and in anticipation of the requisite payments from them. DESU has not specifically identified such other cases. However, the work regarding shifting/removal of electric poles as per the proposals received from the MCD, DDA, Delhi Administration etc. is already in progress in the various parts of Delhi. The progress of execution of such schemes depends upon the receipt of payments from the sponsoring agencies, availability of shutdowns, efficiency of the contractors, availability of right-of-way etc.

[*Translation*]

Pay scales of Hindi Assistants

2955. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi Assistants of his Ministry are part of Central official Language cadre;

(b) whether there is any disparity in the pay scales of Hindi Assistants and other Assistants of his Ministry; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government decided to revise the scale of pay of Assistants belonging to Central Secretariat/Railway Board Secretariat Service. Hindi Assistants are not covered under this scheme.

[*English*]

Promotion of Tourism at Pandarapur, Maharashtra

2956. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a comprehensive plan for the development of Pandarapur and other surrounding places of historical importance